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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-23082, which was published on
January 23, 2002, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicants
note that this document is discussed on pages 2 and 5 of the specification of the present
application; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,497,184 to SAITO et al., which issued on March 5, 1996.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed
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contact the undersigned.


Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and
cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached and both of the

documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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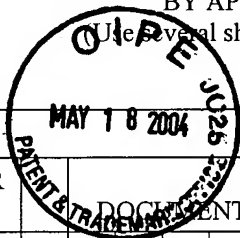
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